UNITED NATIONS

E

Economic and Social Council

Distr.
LIMITED

E/1993/17
29 January 1993

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Organizational session for 1993
26 January and 2-5 February 1993
Item 6 of the provisional agenda*

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS TO SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE COUNCIL, AND CONFIRMATIONS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS

Committee on Natural Resources

Note by the Secretary-General

1. At its 40th and 42nd plenary meetings, on 30 and 31 July 1992, the Economic and Social Council elected 14 experts to the Committee on Natural Resources (see decision 1992/268). For the 11 remaining vacancies, including the seat vacated by Argentina (see E/1993/2), the Secretary-General has received the names of the following nine representatives, nominated by their Governments. Biographical information on the candidates is contained in the annex.

African States

Mr. Patrick Maselino (Zambia)
Mr. Thomas P. Z. Mpofu (Zimbabwe)
Mr. Erastus Kabutu Mwongera (Kenya)
Mr. Dossou Barthélémy Otchoun (Benin)

Asian States

Mr. Sheik Ibrahim bin Sheik Ali (Malaysia)
Mr. Mohammad Nawaz Khan (Pakistan)
Mr. Natarayan Suryanarayanan (India)

---

* E/1993/2 and Add.1.

Eastern European States

Mr. Marek Hoffmann (Poland)

Latin American and Caribbean States

Mr. Guillermo Jorge Cano (Argentina)

Annex

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Guillermo Jorge Cano (Argentina). Executive Director of the Environment and Natural Resources Foundation. Honorary President and former President of the International Association for Water Law. Regional Governor for Latin America of the International Council for Environmental Law. Secretary and former President of the Inter-American Commission on Environmental Law and Administration. Former Secretary of State for National Water Resources (1969-1970). Served in various capacities in United Nations agencies and bodies. Former President and member of Executive Board of the International Water Resources Association and former member of the International Law Association Committee on International Rivers. Served as expert consultant in national projects, both in Argentina and abroad. Participated in and presented papers at several natural resources-related conferences.

Marek Hoffmann (Poland). Head of the Bureau of Geological Concessions of the Ministry of Environmental Protection, Natural Resources and Forestry. Member of the World Energy Coalition (Geneva). Has gained extensive experience in geology and ground-water hydrology. Worked for several years in the Middle East and Africa. Has participated in various international conferences and meetings on geological issues.

Mohammad Nawaz Khan (Pakistan). Director General (Minerals), Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources. Former Director (Coal and Exploration), Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation; Central Chief Inspector of Mines; and, Minerals Advisor, Central Treaty Organization, Turkey. Participated in advisory missions to Baluchistan, China and Guinea. Member of several committees dealing with mineral sector development, mineral policy and mining.

Patrick Maselino (Zambia). Executive Director of the National Environmental Council. Former Director of National Parks and Wildlife, and Head of the Fisheries Research Division, Government Department of Fisheries. M.Sc/Ph.D in Fish Genetics, University of Stirling, Scotland. Has attended workshops, symposia and seminars relating to fisheries, both in Zambia and abroad.

Thomas P. Z. Mpofu (Zimbabwe). Director of Natural Resources, Department of Natural Resources, Ministry of Environment and Tourism. Participated in working groups on environment, river systems and soil and water conservation. Prepared studies for the United Nations Environment Programme on desertification, the Zambezi River Catchment and history of soil conservation in Zimbabwe. Member of several national and international committees, including the National Committee for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the American Society for Public Administration. Has authored several publications on conservation and management of natural resources.

Erastus Kabutu Mwongera (Kenya). Director of Water Development and Director of State Corporations affiliated to the Water Sector and Regional Development. Former Principal of Kenya Water Institute, a water resources management and development training institute dealing with human resources development for the water sector in Kenya, Eastern and Central Africa. Represents Kenya in national, regional and international forums.

Dossou Barthélémy Otchoun (Benin). Director of Forests and Natural Resources, Ministry of Rural Development; member of the National Commission for the Environment. President of the Governing Council of the National Office of Wood. Has undertaken study missions to many African and European countries in regard to forestry and environmental planning.

Sheik Ibrahim bin Sheik Ali (Malaysia). Director of Forestry, State of Johore. Has attended numerous courses, seminars and conferences, including the Regional Workshop on Techniques for Selection of Biosphere Reserves in Australia and New Zealand, sponsored by UNESCO (1977); First Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Forestry Congress, Manila (1983); Meeting on Tropical Forest Action Plan, Tokyo (1988); 15th Council Meeting and Third Permanent Committee Meeting, International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO), Yokohama (1988); and Management Course of Forests and Wood Industries, Sweden (1989). M.Sc (Forestry), University of North Carolina State 1972.

Natarayan Suryanarayanan (India). Commissioner (Policy and Planning), Ministry of Water Resources. Former Project Director of Central Training Unit Programme of Water Resources Management and Training Project, assisted by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). Participated in various international cooperation activities in water resources development. Was responsible for training programmes and related activities in the Central Water Commission. Was involved in planning and design of barrage, canal and powerhouse structures, including river joining works. Publications include a manual on barrages and weirs on permeable foundations. Member of the Working Group on Research and Future Development of the Indian National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage.